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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPLAYS SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PRAVDA ON SEPTEMBER 11 CARRIES APPROXIMATELY 14 COLUMN INCH ARTICLE REPLAYING SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 10 PRESS CONFERENCE. COVERAGE IS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO HIS REMARKS ON BILATERAL DETENTE RELATIONSHIP; SALT; SHORT SECTION ON MIDDLE EAST (REPORTED SEPTTEL); AND PORTUGAL.

2. ARTICLE CARRIES WITH REASONABLE ACCURACY MOST OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS ON THE DETENTE RELATIONSHIP. OMITTED ARE HIS CONTENTION THAT U.S.-SOVIET CONFLICTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF OTHER NATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY; ALL OF HIS REMARKS ABOUT U.S.-SOVIET CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN THIRD COUNTRIES AND OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD; AND HIS STATEMENT THAT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS CAN ONLY PROCEED ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY.

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3. SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON SALT PROGRESS ACHIEVED AT VLADIVOSTOK AND SINCE VLADIVOSTOK ARE REPLAYED, INCLUDING COMMENT THAT ONLY TWO OR THREE PROBLEM AREAS REMAIN. OMITTED IS HIS FURTHER STATEMENT THAT AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED ON THESE LAST REMAINING QUESTIONS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE WRAPPED UP IN ANOTHER SIX OR EIGHT WEEKS.

4. ON PORTUGAL, PRAVDA REPLAYS ONLY THOSE STATEMENTS THAT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL ARE "ENCOURAGING" (QUOTES IN PRAVDA), AND THAT THE U.S. IS WORKING IN "CLOSE COOPERATION" WITH ALLIES IN WESTERN EUROPE ON APPROACH TO EVENTS IN PORTUGAL.
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